

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEL AVIV 9946

EXDIS (MIL ADDEES HANDLE AS SPECAT EXCLUSIVE)

E. O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MOPS MILI PBOR IS LE  
SUBJ: SITUATION IN SOUTHERN LEBANON

1. IDF INTELLIGENCE CONTACTED DAO AND GAVE THE FOLLOWING  
ASSESSMENT OF THE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN LEBANON AS OF  
040830Z AUG 78:

A. SYRIANS: SINGLE REPORT FROM REPLIABLE SOURCE -  
SYRIAN FORCE (NO SIZE) IS CORRECT FOR 3 AUG. THEY  
WERE SOUTH OF THE RED LINE, ESTIMATE REPORT CORRECT.

B. WARNING SHOTS CONTINUE: RATE IS ABOUT 20  
SHELLS IN PAST 24 HOURS.

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C. NEGOTIATIONS: THEY'RE GOING ON ALL THE TIME.  
DO NOT KNOW THE CONTENT OR WHO IS INVOLVED.

D. ATMOSPHERE, ETC: REPORTS OF MIXED RELIABILITY.  
MORALE OF LEBANESE FORCE GOING DOWN. CHRISTIANS NOT  
GOING DOWN.

E. SOME INFORMATION THAT LEBANESE FORCE IS 80  
PERCENT MOSLEM. NOT AS THOUGHT PREVIOUSLY.

2. JUST RECEIVED AFP NEWSWIRE REPORTS (RECEIVED  
AT 0910Z) CITING ISRAELI ARMY RADIO SAID THAT THE  
CONSERVATIVE FORCES IN SOUTHERN LEBANON BEGAN A 24  
HOUR CEASE FIRE EARLY TODAY AS A GOOD WILL  
GESTURE FROM CHRISTIAN MILITIA LEADER MAJOR SAAD  
HADDAD. THE TRUCE IS TO GIVE CONSERVATIVE CHRISTIAN  
LEADERS, THE COMMANDERS OF THE GOVERNMENT CONTINGENT  
AND OFFICERS OF UNIFIL A CHANCE TO DISCUSS THE PASSAGE  
OF TROOPS THROUGH THE CHRISTIAN ENCLAVES. LEWIS

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